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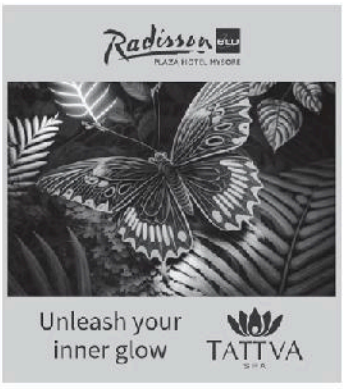


Karnataka Assembly Elections

Travellers under check at KSRTC Sub-urban Bus Stand

Check-post opened at entrance of Bus Stand for the first time

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (RK&BS)- With less than a month left for Assembly elections on May 10, the officers on the duty to implement the norms related to Model Code of Conduct have intensified inspection at 22 check-posts in and around the city.

In a first-of-its-kind, a check-post has been opened at KSRTC Sub-urban Bus Stand on Mother Teresa Road (formerly Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road), where the inter-district and inter-State passengers from various parts of the State (Karnataka) and neighbouring Tamil Nadu and Kerala and other States, especially those with luggage, are thoroughly being checked on their arrival.

Lashkar Police Station Inspector P.P. Santosh supervising the check-post at KSRTC Sub-urban Bus Stand in city, along with Static Surveillance Team (SST), this morning.

The check-post, a make-shift pandal, near the entrance of the Bus Stand, involving Static Surveillance Team (SST) and Flying Squad (FS) Officers from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and District Administration and five to six Policemen from jurisdictional Lashkar Police Station, functions round-the-clock in three shifts. Apart from the passengers and their luggage, even the luggage space of buses will also be inspected, to check for any poll-related illegality.

The check-post opened at the Sub-urban Bus Stand is in addition to the check-posts opened on various Highways connecting Mysuru and also at Satellite Bus Stand in Bengaluru, from where most of the Mysuru route buses originate. Apart from screening the passengers who board the bus in Bengaluru, the passengers who board the bus midway (in shuttle buses) need to be screened. In the case of those passengers, the check-post at Sub-ubran Bus Stand, the last alighting point, comes in handy.

Inspector P.P. Santosh of Lashkar Police Station visits the check-post here once in every two hours for supervision.

(See KSRTC on page 6)

D.D. Urs Road 'TAR-nished'!

Re-asphalting perfectly good road costs tax-payers money

Asphalting work on D. Devaraja Urs Road last night.

Works were stalled for a day today.

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (BS&BCT)- The grand plans to develop the 850-metre stretch of D. Devaraja Urs Road in the heart of Mysuru city to resemble the Brigade Road in Bengaluru has run into rough weather with the contractor executing sub-standard works. The contractor has not undertaken the asphalting works in a 400-metre stretch as per the set standard and now he has been asked by PWD Executive Engineer (EE) Raju and Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra to re-do the work. The development work has been stalled now and the contractor will resume work tomorrow.

(See ROAD on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 11th April 2023

Free mass marriage at Suttur on Apr. 30

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (SSM) - Jagadguru Sri Veerasimhasana Mahasamsthana Mutt, Suttur Srikshetra, Nanjangud taluk, has been conducting monthly free mass marriage programmes since February 2009, apart from the mass marriage conducted during the Adijagadguru's Jatra Mahotsava held at Suttur.

This month, the mass marriage will be held on Apr. 30 at Suttur Srikshetra.

The bridegroom should have completed 21 years and bride 18 years. The bride and the groom's photographs must be affixed on the application form. Caste and age certificate must be obtained from the schools and attached along with the applications. Child marriages are strictly prohibited.

Those interested may contact the Administrator, JSS Educational Institutions, Suttur, directly eight days before the wedding.

For details and registrations, contact Ph: 08221-232217 or 232033 or Mob: 97413-42222 or 94490-30588, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

IT IS NOT 'AMUL VS NANDINI' BUT 'AMUL AND NANDINI' IN KARNATAKA: ***Amul's messages on social media platforms about fresh milk and curd supply in Bengaluru have triggered a controversy in Karnataka in the run-up to the Assembly elections. The Opposition is alleging that Gujarati products are being imposed on the State, to the detriment of Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), a strong State Cooperative.***

There was never a question of merging Amul with Nandini. The two Federations were formed under the Co-operative Society Acts of two States. They are both farmer-owned Co-operative Federations working for the betterment of farmers. It is unfortunate that Amul is being pitted as a competitor to KMF in Karnataka. Given the price difference, Amul is not a competitor to KMF's Nandini. We will not be able to compete with it in the next decade or so.

The social media posts were intended to convey that soon people of Bengaluru would be able to buy fresh Amul milk and curd through e-commerce platforms. We used to get a lot of online queries for Amul products on these platforms from the area. Our milk and curd will only be available online.

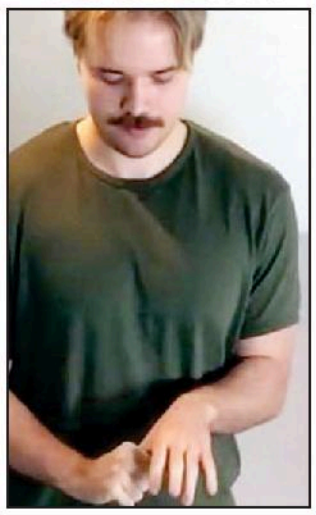
Amul and KMF share a healthy relationship and work closely. We have each other's back whenever needed. Three of KMF's dairies — Mother Dairy in Bengaluru, and Ballari and Hassan Dairies — have been manufacturing and packing Amul ice-cream since 1998. Similarly, two years ago, when KMF had surplus milk, it supplied cream to Amul to make cheddar cheese worth Rs. 400 crore. When KMF intended to start a flavoured milk unit in Karnataka, officials from Karnataka visited our plants in Gujarat and got inputs. There are many such examples of the two Federations working closely for the benefit and profit of farmers of both States.

India is an open market. Any manufacturer can sell his product anywhere in India. We cannot oppose such a sale. Consumers will decide what they want to purchase, and as responsible Federations, we are both doing everything to benefit our farmers.

— Jayen Mehta, Amul MD, in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Swedish man cracks 46 joints, breaks world record



Sweden: A Swedish man broke a Guinness World Record when he consecutively cracked 46 different joints in his body.

Guinness World Records said Olle Lundin, 23, broke the record for the most continuous cracking of different joints, besting the record of 40 set by Kamal Pokhrel of Nepal in 2022.

Lundin said he spent months practicing cracking his joints in order to determine the most effective order. He said he had to learn to move slowly so as not to accidentally crack a joint prematurely. Lundin said some joints were painful to learn to crack. "The most painful joints were probably the smaller joints, such as the 'middle' joints on the fingers and the toes in general," he told GWR.

Duck lives with knife stuck in neck

Brittany: Animal rescuers in Brittany, France were left astonished by a wild duck that appeared to lead a normal life, despite having a knife lodged in its neck. The Pinocchio et Sauvageons Association, which found the duck, nicknamed it Donald and watched as the mallard went about his daily routine with the red knife handle sticking out of his neck. This had caught the attention of many in Saint-Nolff, north-western France.

However, the animal rescuers at Pinocchio et Sauvageons knew that if the knife remained in the duck's neck, it could become a serious problem. So, they decided to take action. The surgical procedure to remove the blade was a success and following a brief period of rest and recuperation, the duck was set free.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Thrombosis at any site before 40 years of age can be due to several blood related causes including hereditary conditions.

By Dr. Giripunja - Consultant - Haematology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Annual Drawing Camp inaugurated

Children taking part in drawing and painting camp organised by JSS Mahavidyapeetha at JSS Baljagath School in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (RK&SSM) - Reader and Head of Applied Art at Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA), Mysuru, Binduraya R. Biradar inaugurated the annual drawing camp organised for children by JSS Mahavidyapeetha, by symbolically drawing a picture on a drawing sheet at a programme held at JSS Baljagath School on Ramanuja Road in city yesterday. The camp will be held from 9 am to 1 pm till Apr. 26.

Speaking on the occasion, Binduraya opined that the parents must encourage the young talents of their children and support them in what they do.

The camp which is being organised from the past 13 years will be held in three categories — for those aged between 6 years and 9 years; 10 years and 13 years and from 14 years to 16 years. Over 38 children from across the city have registered for the camp this year.

JSS School Art teachers will train students to draw and paint and will also guide them. Children will be taken out to a field trip on one day during the camp to draw pictures related to environment. Senior artists will demonstrate art works. On the last day, that is Apr. 26, drawings created by the children will be kept on display. Prizes (first, second and third) will be given to the best drawing and certificates will be distributed to all the participants.

Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar presided over the event while Senior Artist and noted Photo-Journalist S.M. Jambukeshwar, who is also the camp convenor, was present.

REALLY...?

- ***Normally you'd find rainbows in the sky, but the Caño Cristales, also known as the "River of Five Colours," beams brighter than any rainbow in the sky. Located in Colombia's Serranía de la Macarena National Natural Park, this stunning river owes its multi-coloured beauty to the Macarenia Clavigera, a plant that lives in the riverbed. It's best to visit between May - November when the river weeds blossom in yellow, blue, green and red. They get brighter hues during this time as the waters are shallower, allowing more sunlight to reach the plants.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher to John: *John, you have 6 apples in your plate and Sam took two among them, what would you get?*

John: *A fight!?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.04
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.79
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.34
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.30

VOICE OF THE READER

When UK First Lady was asked to come to front row at Rashtrapati Bhavan

Sir,

Apropos to the article ***'Padma Awards: Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa recounts meeting PM Modi'*** by Prof. G.L. Shekar, recounting the celebrated author's experience with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Council of Ministers at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, published in *Star of Mysore* dated Apr. 10, I would like to add another noteworthy incident that I saw on TV.

UK First Lady Akshata Murty was at the majestic Durbar Hall of the Rashtrapati Bhavan as her mother, author and philanthropist Sudha Murty was conferred the *Padma Bhushan* award by President Droupadi Murmu.

Initially, Akshata Murty sat with her family members including father N.R. Narayana Murthy, brother Rohan Murty and Sudha Murty's sister Dr. Sunanda Kulkarni, in the third or fourth row. The family kept their spot in the middle row alongside other families.

But Akshata Murty was later asked by the Rashtrapati Bhavan officers to move to the front row according to the protocol. She was courteously led to the front row by protocol officers.

Midway through the event, the UK First Lady was seen sitting in the front row next to India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and other dignitaries. Seated on her other side was the family of Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar. Union Minister Anurag Thakur was also in the same row. Akshata stood next to Jaishankar while the national anthem played at the beginning and end of the ceremony *[see pic]*.

There was no UK security with UK PM Rishi Sunak's wife Akshata Murty at the event and this showed her simplicity and her family's down-to-earth attitude. The family is well-known for their humility and simplicity and they set examples at a time when some politicians and the elite in India openly flaunt their wealth and social stature even if they are acquired through ill-gotten means.

However, all her other family members continued to sit in the middle row. Akshata Murty, daughter of Infosys Founder Narayana Murthy, married Rishi Sunak in 2009. They met each other while studying at Stanford University. Incidentally, Narayana Murthy was conferred with the *Padma Vibhushan* in 2008 and *Padma Shri* in 2000.

— Vidwat
Saraswathipuram
11.4.2023

Officials observe SVEEP rituals but miss whole purpose

MGP meeting calls for effective implementation of voter awareness and inclusion programmes

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (BCT)- The April monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP)was about the citizens' sacred duty — voting — during elections.

The meeting was significant as the State is going to poll in a month and as a fundamental duty, all eligible voters must exercise their franchise. Sector Officer Sampath Kumar, Revenue Officer Umesh, Booth-Level Officers Suresh and Ganesh led the discussion as part of promoting the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme.

The meeting saw participation by several citizens and three students from Maharani's College came from their vacation from T. Narasipur and Bengaluru to participate in the discussion. Speakers were highly critical of SVEEP and some complained of not receiving voter cards even after several efforts.

Some were wondering what to do when their names are removed from the voter list without their knowledge and many technical issues of requirements for registering were discussed. It became obvious that officials simply go through rituals of SVEEP and miss the whole purpose.

However, one shining outcome was that Sampath Kumar, who is in charge of Chamaraja Constituency, wrote a note to the DC, who is also the District Electoral Officer, soon after the meeting sharing the main points.

Founder-President of MGP Dr. Bhamy Shenoy pointed out that officials must show how dedicated they are to eliminate poll freebies. "Importantly, they must stop harassing common man. Even during checking in buses and goods vehicles, the common man has to produce bills for goods he is carrying. Will the same enthusiasm be shown when politicians and their followers are checked," he questioned.

The meeting noted that urban areas have far lesser voter percentages than rural areas. In the 2018 Assembly polls, rural areas had around 80 percent voter participation but in Chamaraja Constituency — with more educated residents — it was just 59.67 percent.

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Actor Pratham inaugurates *Besige Bandi* at Nypunya

Actor Pratham of Big Boss-fame inaugurating 'Besige Bandi' summer camp, organised by Nypunya School of Excellence by flagging off a folk procession in front of Sumasopana Park on Aniketana Road in Kuvempunagar here yesterday morning. A procession comprising folk troupes and children was taken out on the occasion. The summer camp will be held for 21 days.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Workshop on Zero Shadow Day

The Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS), Mysuru and Kutuhali, Vigyan Prasar, have organised a one-day workshop titled 'Where's the Shadow?' for High School students and their parents on the occasion of Zero Shadow Day at Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, University of Mysore, Mysuru, on Apr. 17 from 10 am to 5 pm. Registration is free but compulsory. For details, contact N. Amoghavarsha, Outreach Incharge, COSMOS, on Mob: 63621-59474.

Discourse on Gita

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti has organised a discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 7' by Bheemasenacharya Pandurangi at Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises in Jayalakshmipuram at 5 pm from Apr. 11 to 15.

Pension Adalat postponed

The 'Pension Adalat' to hear the grievances of pensioners from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts, which was scheduled to be held at the Mysuru DC's Office in city on Mar. 15, has been postponed to Apr. 17, according to a press release.

Navodaya Exam on Apr. 29

The entrance exam for admission to sixth standard in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) for the year 2023-24 will be held on Apr. 29 at all the taluk centres of the district. Those who have submitted their applications may download their hall tickets from website www.navodaya.gov.in and attend the exam along with their hall tickets, according to a press release from DMG Halli JNV Principal. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2970040.

WATER LEVEL

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
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Inflow	:	74 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,000 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,821.73 feet
Inflow	:	50 cusecs
Outflow	:	100 cusecs

Kodagu ZP CEO, kin booked for dowry harassment

IAS officer's doctor wife files complaint at Women's Police Station, Bengaluru East Zone

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (BS)- Dr. Akash Shankar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kodagu Zilla Panchayat (ZP) and three of his family members have been booked under the charge of dowry harassment at Women's Police Station, Bengaluru East Zone.

This follows a complaint by Akash's wife Dr. S. Vandana, a practicing doctor and daughter of a retired IPS officer. The other accused in the case are Akash's father Shankar, aged 63 years and retired Railway employee, mother Chandrika, age 55 and brother Vikash Shankar, 29 years.

In her complaint, Dr. Vandana has stated that "We (Akash and Vandana) got engaged on Mar. 1, 2022 and got married same year on June 10. After the engagement date was fixed, Akash's parents placed a demand for either a Toyota Fortuner or Land Rover Discovery Sports car. But my father bought Audi Q7 car worth Rs. 1.05 crore to him (Akash). Later, their family members demanded a diamond watch and we bought a Rado watch worth Rs. 1.29 lakh. For marriage, we gave Rs. 10 lakh for Akash's suit alone."

"The gifts I received — 200 grams of Gold ornaments, one kg silver articles and Rs. five lakh cash — were also given to Akash's mother on demand," Vandana has alleged further.

Despite taking all these as dowry, Akash was allegedly making fun of his wife saying 'Being an IAS Officer, I would have got luxury vehicles, assets in Bengaluru and Rs. 100 crore as dowry.'

That apart, Akash is accused of being in constant touch with his batchmate, a woman IAS Officer, on video call and audio call. When Vandana raised objection, she had to allegedly face harassment from the whole of her husband's family members.

The accused were also demanding Vandana to buy a house for them in Bengaluru. Apart from physical assault, she was allegedly being abused. One day, Akash pushed her out of his official residence at Madikeri town.

When Vandana's family members, including her retired IPS Officer father and other members of the family took her to their in-laws residing at Shyadanahalli in Mysuru, to broker the truce, on Mar. 5, 2023, they abused them, before sending them out of the house, according to the complaint.

The Women's Police, who have registered the case, are investigating.

Obituary

J. Winifred Grace

Mysuru, Apr. 11- J. Winifred Grace (82), wife of late Devadas Solomon and a resident of No. 583 MIG-1, 1st floor, Kanakambari Road, Sumbramanya Nagar, Hebbal 3rd Stage, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind three daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at the CSI Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar this morning.

101-year-old Rangarao passes away

Mysuru, Apr. 11- H.K. Rangarao (101), a resident of Chamaraja Mohalla, passed away yesterday night at his residence in city. He leaves behind 2 daughters, 1 son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Miscreants barge into house, decamp with cash, gold after threatening couple

Mysuru, Apr. 11- Miscreants, who barged into a house, accused the couple of running flesh trade, threatened them of lodging a Police complaint and made away with cash and gold ornaments from the house.

The incident took place at the house of one Manjula at Vijayanagar 1st Stage on Apr. 6 night.

Four miscreants, who barged into the house at about 11.30 pm, told the couple that they were sent by the Police. They then accused the couple of running flesh trade and searched the house.

When Manjula and her husband Manjunath told them that there were no illegal activities taking place in the house, the miscreants demanded money from them and also threatened them of lodging a Police complaint besides informing their house owner and get the house vacated.

The miscreants then took away Rs. 8,000 cash and gold ornaments weighing 39 grams from the couple and fled from the house. A case has been registered at Vijayanagar Police Station.

House burgled

Miscreants, who broke into a house at Mandi Mohalla, have decamped with gold jewellery.

The theft took place at the house of 72-year-old D.K. Kamalamma on Sir Khazi Road on Apr. 8 night. Kamalamma had gone to her relative's house on Apr. 8 and when she returned the next morning, she found the door lock broken and on inspecting the house she found 25 grams gold ornaments and Rs. 2,000 cash stolen and lodged a complaint at Mandi Police Station.

Driver of newspaper transporting vehicle dies of heart attack

Rizwan

Kushalnagar, Apr. 11- A driver of a goods vehicle, transporting newspapers, has died of heart attack at his house soon after he distributed newspapers to all centres yesterday.

The deceased is Rizwan (43), a resident of Madenadu near Madikeri. He leaves behind his wife, two children and a host of relatives and friends.

Yesterday morning, Rizwan brought newspapers from Mangaluru and after distributing them to all centres, he returned home when he complained of chest pain and collapsed at the house.

Family sources said that he (Rizwan) breathed his last while he was being taken to the Community Health Centre at Kushalnagar. Last rites were held at Madenadu.

One killed, two injured as bees attack cowherds, farmers

Mysuru, Apr. 11- One person tending his cattle was killed while two others sustained injuries when a swarm of bees attacked them at Hosathoravalli and Belaganahalli villages in H.D. Kote taluk.

The deceased has been identified as Chikkamalegowda (65), the other two, identified as Beeregowda and Shankaranaika, fell unconscious due to bee stings.

The swarm of bees first attacked Chikkamalegowda, who was looking after the cattle and then attacked Beeregowda and Shankaranaika, who were watering the crops.

Though all the three were rushed to a hospital, Chikkamalegowda breathed his last midway, while the other two are undergoing treatment at a private hospital.

It may be recalled that on Dec. 16 last year, a swarm of bees attacked people at Mini Vidhana Soudha in H.D. Kote injuring four people. Villagers said that they were admitted to a local hospital where they had recovered.

Ph.D student ends life by jumping into Cauvery River

Srirangapatna, Apr. 11- A Ph.D student committed suicide by jumping into Cauvery River, near Venugoplaswamy Temple at Hosa Kannambadi village in KRS Backwaters on Saturday.

The deceased has been identified as Prasad (32), a native of Doddinduvadi village in Kollegal taluk, who was pursuing his Ph.D in History at Mysore University. It is learnt that Prasad's mother had passed away two years ago and he was depressed since then.

On Saturday evening, Prasad had come to Venugopalaswamy Temple and his friend who called him over the mobile phone, enquired his whereabouts during which Prasad is said to have told him that he would come back in the evening and later his (Prasad) mobile phone was switched off, following which his friends informed the KRS Police.

KRS Police, who launched a search for Prasad, found his bike and slippers. The Cops then summoned expert swimmers and divers, who searched for the body but in vain.

On Monday morning, Prasad's body was traced and only after the family members and relatives identified the body and lodged a complaint, a case was registered.

The body was shifted to MMC&RI mortuary in Mysuru, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members.

From Himalayan moths to hi-tech drones

Wildlife Conservation Conference at KSOU Campus a repository of information on flora, fauna and tracking gadgets

Taxidermcreations of sloth bear, tiger and spotted deer displayed at the venue of Wildlife Conservation Conference which concludes in city this evening. Pic. right: ***Hi-tech communication and tracking equipment used to track wild animal and poacher movements.***

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (MTY, MK & BCT)- The first Indian Wildlife Conservation Conference and the exhibition being held at the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) campus in the city to mark the completion of 50 years of Project Tiger initiative has turned into a place for exchanging ideas and networking between the conservationists.

It is also a place for the public, students and over 30 researchers and scientists to learn about how the actual conservation methods work on the ground, strategies and the results of a concerted effort. Researchers and scientists from across the country have arrived here to showcase their works.

The conference that began on Apr. 9 will conclude this evening and there are over 36 stalls on wildlife, conservation, equipment, biodiversity and related paraphernalia. Among the stalls that are attracting a large number of visitors is the stall that throws light on moths.

Stall on Himalayan region moths

Called 'Spatial distribution of moths across Altitudinal Gradient, Goripaar, Munsyari, Kumaun Himalaya', the stall speaks about the moths found in the Western Himalayan region. Moths belong to the order Lepidoptera of phylum Arthropoda and contrary to butterflies, moths usually remain ignored and unnoticed most of the time.

Despite anthropological pressure, moths have managed to diversify themselves, said Narendra Singh Lotani, who conducted research on moths along with Pradeep Kumar Sharma and Priya Bisht under the guidance of Prof. Chandra Singh Negi. The stall showcased four species of moths — Euphyia subangulata, Eustroma melancholica venipicta, Thitarodes balmiyaandPeucetiaacutativalva.

"Among the moths, Thitarodes balmiya is one of the most sought-after moths as the fungus developed on the caterpillar of this host moth is in great demand for its medicinal value. It was first used in traditional Tibetan medicine but is now highly prized by practitioners of traditional Chinese medicine.

"Moths are useful for ecological and conservation research though rarely do they gain greater prominence despite the enormous taxonomic and biological variety they display. Forest moth species have important functional roles as selective herbivores, pollinators and prey for other species," he added.

Drones and hi-tech equipment

The Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India (WII) has developed drones to monitor tigers in national parks and tiger reserves. Fitted with a GPS device and hi-resolution cameras, these unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) also known as drones, are fast becoming a necessity hi-tech tool in wildlife management all over the world.

Though the drones have been imported, the WII has assembled and customised them to suit the geographic and specific requirements of the tiger reserves. Among the drones displayed at the exhibition was the Trinity F90+, a fixed-wing eVTOL system that can fly for more than 90 minutes. It is an unbeaten drone in terms of performance and precision allowing the user to cover more area effortlessly with amazing results.

According to researchers, the Trinity F90+ combines the convenient handling of a copter with the efficient aerodynamics and endurance of a fixed-wing UAV. The result is a mapping drone that meets the highest demands on efficiency, and safety, delivering survey-grade accuracy and versatile application possibilities.

Night vision drones at Panna Reserve

Many of the drones have night-vision technology that will help monitor the movements of big cats round-the-clock. The drones have been put to use at Panna Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh. WII officials said that a 'drone squad' has been constituted at Panna for the protection, monitoring and management of wildlife. The squad consists of a 'DJ1 Phantom drone' with sufficient batteries to operate for long hours, a dedicated vehicle and a drone operator with an assistant.

"The use of drones at Panna Reserve has been envisaged for law enforcement, monitoring, search and rescue of wildlife, wildfire fire-fighting and curbing human-animal conflict. Future use of drones has been planned for ecotourism, monitoring invasive plant species, recreational and educational purposes and documentation of the biodiversity," officials said.

The exhibition also disseminated information about the conservation steps taken to protect big cats, leopards, the Great Indian Bustard and other species at Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves, Jim Corbett National Park and Satpura Tiger Reserve.

Exhibition venue designed like Palace Durbar Hall

The tiger conservation conference venue designed like the Durbar Hall of the Mysore Palace.

As the conference is being held in Mysuru, the exhibition has been designed like the Durbar Hall of the Mysore Palace. Special attention has been given to the stalls that display the biodiversity of Karnataka and the efforts taken to conserve the flora and fauna that have resulted in the rising wildlife population.

As representatives have come from across India and some from the nations that have tiger populations, organisers have made special arrangements to showcase Karnataka as a wildlife tourism destination. Allied sectors like Mysore Silk, Sandalwood Soaps, oils and perfumes have been kept on display.

Crafting Lantana weed into wonder products

Sculptures and furniture made of Lantana camara weed on display at the expo. The stall pulled visitors like a magnet.

The initiative to make craft items and furniture from Lantana camara, an invasive weed, has helped improve the livelihoods of forest-dependent communities in Male Mahadeshwara Hills and Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Tiger Reserve.

Though the weed threatens to put the forest ecosystem at risk, it has become the primary source of livelihood for hundreds of Soliga tribals, especially women. The stalls on Lantana craft is a huge hit at the conference and the city residents are directly buying products from the tribals through marketing societies.

These artisans shape the plant into simple and elegant furniture pieces. Apart from its aesthetic appeal, the tag of being an eco-friendly alternative to wooden furniture has made Lantana products sought after in offices and homes.

From wardrobe to side tables, dining table set and key racks, art items, animal sculptures, teapoys, chairs, sitting round-topped chairs, waste baskets flower pots it's lantana everywhere. The furniture comes with the label of being low-cost, durable, and resistant to termites and bedbugs.

Two-day TiECON Meet on Business Scalability on Apr. 14 and 15

FROM LEFT: ***B.N. Pramodh, TiE Charter Member (Media and Publicity Committee President), Dr. Mahesh Rao, Co-Chair, TiECON Mysuru 2023, Sudhanva Dhananjaya, President, TiE Mysuru Chapter, Nagarajan Srinivasan, Chairperson, TiECON Mysuru 2023 and Sabareeshan, Award Committee President, TiECON, releasing the poster of TiECON 2023 at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city this morning.***

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (PM&SSM)- The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Mysuru Chapter, has organised a two-day annual flagship event TiECON Conference with the theme 'Business Scalability and Sustainability' on Apr. 14 and 15 at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in city.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning, Sudhanva Dhananjaya, President, TiE Mysuru, said that the Conference will provide a unique platform for entrepreneurs in Mysuru to learn from and network with investors, business leaders and policy makers, to help their ventures scale rapidly and sustain profitably over a period of time. In all, 15 speakers will speak on various topics during the two-day Conference. Over 300 representatives including TiE student representatives will take part in the mega Conference.

The event will be inaugurated at 5.30 pm on Apr. 14 with opening remarks by Nagarajan Srinivasan, Chairperson, TiECON 2023 followed by keynote address on 'Excellence Has No Borders' by Dr. Ajai Kumar, Executive Chairman of HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd.

Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony

During the two-day event, Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to the following four distinguished personalities in recognition of their immense contribution to their respective fields and to the development of Mysuru — K.B. Ganapathy, Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra;* Abbas Salehbhai Vagh, Managing Director (MD) of The Decorative Laminates India Pvt. Ltd.; Ramesh Kunhikannan, MD of Kaynes Technologies and Dr. Brahmavar Raghunath Pai, CMD of Vijay Wires & Filaments Industries.

The awards for K.B. Ganapathy, Abbas Salehbhai Vagh and Dr. Brahmavar Raghunath Pai will be presented on Apr. 14 while for Ramesh Kunhikannan it will be presented on Apr. 15 said Sabareeshan, President, TiECON Award Committee.

The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), was founded in 1992 in Silicon Valley by a group of successful entrepreneurs, corporate executives and senior professionals with roots in the Indus region. There are 61 TiE Chapters in 14 countries across the world. TiE Mysuru Chapter began just four years ago consisting of over 160 members.

The two-day event will feature fireside chat with Mahavir Pratap Sharma, Chairperson of TiE India Angels and Rajasthan Angels; Prashanth Prakash, Partner - Accel Partners and Pavan Ranga, MD & CEO of Rangsons who will explore various dimensions of investing in start-ups while Ramesh Kunhikannan will speak on 'Path to IPO.'

Speakers will speak on various topics including Charu Sharma, Director - Mashal Sports will speak about 'Sporting Expectations'; T.V. Mohandas Pai, Chairman of Manipal Global Education on 'India - a Start-up Nation'; B.V. Naidu, Chairman, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission on 'Beyond Bengaluru'; Panel discussion on 'Challenges in Scaling: Tier 2 Cities' with Shravani Pawar, Founder Director of Safe Hands 24/7 Services Pvt. Ltd. and Savitha Mallappa, Founder and CEO of rProcess Outsourcing Services Pvt. Ltd; Eshwar K. Vikas, Co-Founder and CEO, Mukunda Foods Pvt. Ltd, Umakant Soni, Co-founder & CEO, Artpark, Sousthav Chakrabarty, Founder and CEO, Siply will chair a panel discussion on 'New Technologies, New Markets, New Ecosystems'; Shekhar Naik, Captain of Indian Blind Cricket Team will speak on 'Story of Resilience, Endurance'; Madan Padaki, President TiE Bangalore, Founder & CEO of 1Bridge will speak on 'Building for Bharat.'

Prizes will be distributed on Apr. 15 for the winners of TiE University Pitchfest 2023.

Registration is free for TiE members while non-TiE members must pay Rs. 2,000 to attend. Interested may register by logging on to ***https://bit.ly/tiecon2023*** or call V.K. Mahesh on Mob: 94481-54063.

KSRTC Sub-urban Bus Stand

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K. Mani, MCC Assistant Engineer, deputed for Static Surveillance Team, was on duty at the check-post this morning, when one Faizan, a vendor from Kashmir, arrived in a bus. Upon inspection, he was found having several bags in his possession containing Kashmiri shawls and dress materials. However, he didn't have any bills to prove the authenticity of the goods.

The 22 check-posts functioning in city and outskirts, include Bengaluru - Mysuru road (near Manipal Hospital junction), KRS Road (near Sunanda Factory), Hunsur road (near Lingadevarakoppal), Koorgalli Gate, Bogadi Outer Ring Road junction, H.D. Kote Road, T. Narasipur road (near Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar), Bannur Outer Ring Road junction, Rammahahalli Gate, Mahadevapura road.

Cops rescue Belagavi woman

Mysuru, Apr.11 (RK&BS)- A 35 to 40-year-old woman from Belagavi, who had reportedly left home after having a tiff with her family members, was rescued at KSRTC Sub-urban Bus Stand in the city this morning. The woman, who came in an early morning bus from Belagavi at around 4 am, was found lonely at the waiting arena of platform 3. The Policemen of Lashkar Police Outpost at the bus stand, who keenly watched her for sometime, later enquired her, only to hear her ordeal.

The Police later took her to the outpost and informed their counterparts in Belagavi, before taking her to a rescue centre in the city. The woman will be under care, till her relatives come and take her home, after fulfilling the due procedures.

D.D. Urs Road 'TAR-nished'!

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The D. Devaraj Urs Road runs from K.R. Circle to the JLB Road Junction and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) wanted to give a Brigade-Road-like look for the stretch and planned a project worth a whopping Rs. 8 crore that includes end-to-end asphalting of the D. Devaraj Urs Road and the adjacent link roads, laying of box drains and beautifying the footpath.

However, following complaints of substandard asphalting work, PWD Executive Engineer Raju, who inspected the road on the night of Apr. 9, found the contractor at fault for carrying out the work in haste without any regard for quality.

Interestingly, this incident is not an isolated case as similar sub-standard works have been completed in a hurry in the past too.

Inspection after complaints

Inspecting the road, Raju removed a half-inch thick layer of tar up to 40 metres with the help of an earth-moving vehicle. Similar substandard work was executed in a 400-metre stretch. Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Raju said that the binding work and the asphalt-laying work were not up to standards.

"The contractor had told us that he would carry out the works during the night as it is a rush hour during day time and a lot of vehicles would be parked on the busy road. We allowed the contractor to execute the work after dark but he has done shoddy work. We have asked him to re-do the 400-metre stretch and he will comply as per the tender condition," Raju said.

MLA intervenes

According to Raju, complaints were received from locals about the tar coming out at certain places, prompting the inspection and subsequent action. Hearing about the lapse, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra too visited the road and inspected the works.

"All the development works in Chamaraja have been carried out as per standards and there has been no compromise. We will not tolerate lapses as such sub-standard works dent the image of city. The shoddy works have been stopped now and the contractor will re-do the road from tomorrow," MLA told *SOM.*

Equitable allocation of resources

Meanwhile, the hasty road construction and repair works have sparked public criticism. Many are alleging that instead of addressing the roads that need immediate attention, the authorities have focused only on partially good or fine roads.

Furthermore, some have accused the officials of choosing narrow roads in certain areas for repairs rather than prioritising routes that have heavy traffic. These concerns highlight the need for a more transparent and equitable allocation of resources for infrastructure development and maintenance.

The lack of quality in the road laying or asphalting works is a major concern for the public as it not only wastes taxpayer money but also causes inconvenience to road users. Additionally, the lack of proper supervision and quality checks during the construction process is exacerbating the issue.

Free training for Mysuru beauticians tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (PM&SSM)- Mysore Beautician Welfare Association, Bangalore Sophistique Academy and Sreenivasa Glamour Store, K.R. Circle, Mysuru, have jointly organised a day-long free training programme for the Association members on 'BB Glow, Hair Extensions, Microblading and Permanent Makeup' at Kings Court on JLB Road in city tomorrow **(Apr. 12) between 10.30 am and 5 pm.**

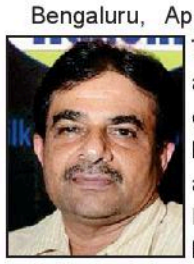
Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning, Association President K. Vedavathi N. Rai said that the training, led by Bangalore Sophistique Academy Founder Supreeth B. Belgaum, will feature next level of advanced cosmetic treatments which will be taught to 117 Association Members as 'Look and Learn Seminar,' which will enhance their working skills.

The event will be inaugurated at 10.30 am tomorrow. Association President K. Vedavathi N. Rai, Anutham Founders Dr. Neelima Sharma and Dr. Namratha will be the chief guests.

Association Secretary M.A. Sabina, Treasurer Prathibha Shetty, Joint Secretary H.K. Sapna, Committee Member R. Malini and Madhavi & Usha Ramlingam from Sophistique Academy were present at the press meet.

Merger is just a rumour: KMF Managing Director

Bengaluru, Apr. 11 (KMS&TRR) - Managing Director of Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) B.M. Satish has denied the reports of a merger between KMF and Gujarat-based Amul.



B.M. Satish

Satish reassured people that KMF, the second-largest Milk Federation in the country, has a strong foundation with 26 lakh farmers and crores of consumers and that there is no possibility of a merger with any other organisation. He dismissed the merger as rumours and urged people not to believe such reports.

He said that the KMF has not signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any other milk-producing organisation in the country. He further added that KMF's Nandini products have gained popularity among consumers due to their quality and competitive pricing.

"KMF is currently expanding its markets in different parts of the country and selling about 7 lakh litres of milk and curd daily in Maharashtra, Mumbai, Pune, Solapur, Vidarbha, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kerala and Goa," the KMF MD added.

Satish also stated that KMF is the fastest-growing organisation with the efforts of 26 lakh farmers, more than 2 lakh employees, and the patronage of over 6 crore consumers.

He urged the people to support KMF by purchasing its milk and other products and assured consumers that they need not worry about any rumours on merger.

KMF-Amul merger a Congress creation: MP

Siddharamaiah and followers spreading lies for electoral gains, says Pratap Simha

Mysuru, Apr.11 (MTY&DM)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has rubbished the idea of merging Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) with Gujarat's Anand Milk Union Limited (AMUL).

Pratap Simha

Speaking to reporters in city yesterday, Simha stated that former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah was needlessly creating confusion over the matter and that there was no proposal before the Government regarding the merger.

Simha accused the Opposition leader Siddharamaiah and his supporters of spreading lies for electoral gains and pointed out that other milk brands from different States had been selling milk in Karnataka for several years without any objection from these leaders.

"The merger is a brainchild of Congress and it is its baby. The party is committing the same mistake which it had committed in the last election where they pitted Kannada against Hindi. Today, they are pitting Amul against KMF. Many other milk brands were being sold in Karnataka even before BJP formed the government.

"Did other milk brands enter Karnataka only after the BJP formed the government?" he asked.

Amul, which was also available in Karnataka, had not entered the State after the BJP government came to power. The products of the Gujarat-based dairy were available in the State for a number of years, he said.

"Siddharamaiah favours cow slaughter and is not in favour of farmers. It was former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa who gave a support price of Rs. 2 to the dairy farmers in 2008. The support price was increased to Rs. 5 when he became the Chief Minister for the second time," the MP said.

What about other brands?

The MP questioned whether the other milk brands were associated with Nandini and why Opposition leaders were now making a fuss over the issue of Amul milk and curd. Simha pointed out that the price of Amul milk was higher than that of Nandini and questioned whether people preferred to buy more expensive milk.

Simha also referred to Union Home and Co-operation Minister Amit Shah's visit to the KMF Mega Dairy at Gejjalagere a couple of months ago and stated that Shah never mentioned anything about merging Nandini with Amul.

Simha added that the opposition leaders had no moral right to speak about Nandini Milk as they had not supported the Anti-Cow Slaughter Bill introduced by the BJP Government.

Siddu's 'safe seat' ridiculed

When asked if Siddharamaiah's contest in Varuna would benefit Congress candidates in other Constituencies of Mysuru district, Pratap Simha stated that the former CM's contest in Varuna would not influence voters in other Constituencies.

He ridiculed Siddharamaiah for seeking a safe Constituency. "What kind of influence such a leader could have in other Constituencies? He is unsure of his own victory and this is a result of his anti-people policies implemented when he was the CM. People have sent him home and he is now banking on a safe seat," the MP said. Mayor Shivakumar, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa and District President Mangala Somashekar were present at the press meet.

'Pratap Simha must face me, the lioness first'

KPCC Women's Wing State President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath defends 'mass leader' Siddharamaiah

KPCC Women's Wing launch 'Nandini Ulisona-Karnataka Ulisona' poster campaign in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 11 (PM&DM) - In response to the BJP's allegation that the Congress was creating confusion over the merger of KMF and Amul, Dr. B. Pushpa Amarnath, the KPCC Women's Wing State President, said that it was the BJP who halted the merger plans due to the strong opposition by Congress.

Speaking at a press conference held at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station yesterday, she strongly condemned the moves to finish off KMF and merge it with Amul.

Dr. Pushpa Amarnath maintained that Nandini is a top brand in the market and a pride of crores of Kannadigas.

She claimed that the BJP denied the plans of merger only after former CM Siddharamaiah and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar raised the issue.

Regarding MP Pratap Simha's remarks against Siddharamaiah, Dr. Pushpa said that Simha was no match for a tall leader like Siddharamaiah. She contended that Siddharamaiah is a leader of the masses and Simha has no merit to speak about the senior Congress leader.

Calling herself a lioness, Dr. Pushpa wanted Simha to face her before taking on Siddharamaiah. She maintained that the BJP was scared of Siddharamaiah and said that the people of the State would decide who is a lion, tiger, or a fox in the ensuing Assembly polls.

Earlier, she launched the 'Nandini Ulisona-Karnataka Ulisona' poster campaign in support of Nandini Milk products. KPCC Women's Wing State Vice-President Pushpavalli, District President Pushpalatha Chikkanna, leaders Susheela Keshavamurthy, Radhamani, Latha Mohan, Manjula, Kamalamma and others were present.

Nandini has formidable presence in many States: Co-operation Minister

Bengaluru, Apr.11- Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar has clarified that there are no plans to merge KMF with Amul and Nandini products will not be produced in collaboration with Amul.

Somashekar

The Minister made these statements during a press conference held at the BJP Office in Bengaluru on Sunday. He also accused Congress and the JD(S) of spreading falsehoods about the merger keeping elections in mind. He added that KMF is doing business across the world and already has a strong presence in the market. The Minister mentioned that during a meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah last December, the latter had suggested that KMF take the assistance of Amul in market expansion and adopting the latest technology.

Somashekar compared the prices of Amul and Nandini milk, stating that Nandini is sold at Rs.39 per litre while Amul sells at Rs.57 per litre online. He also mentioned that Nandini products are dispatched to many States including Tamil Nadu and emphasised that if developed on the lines of Amul, Nandini can grow even further.

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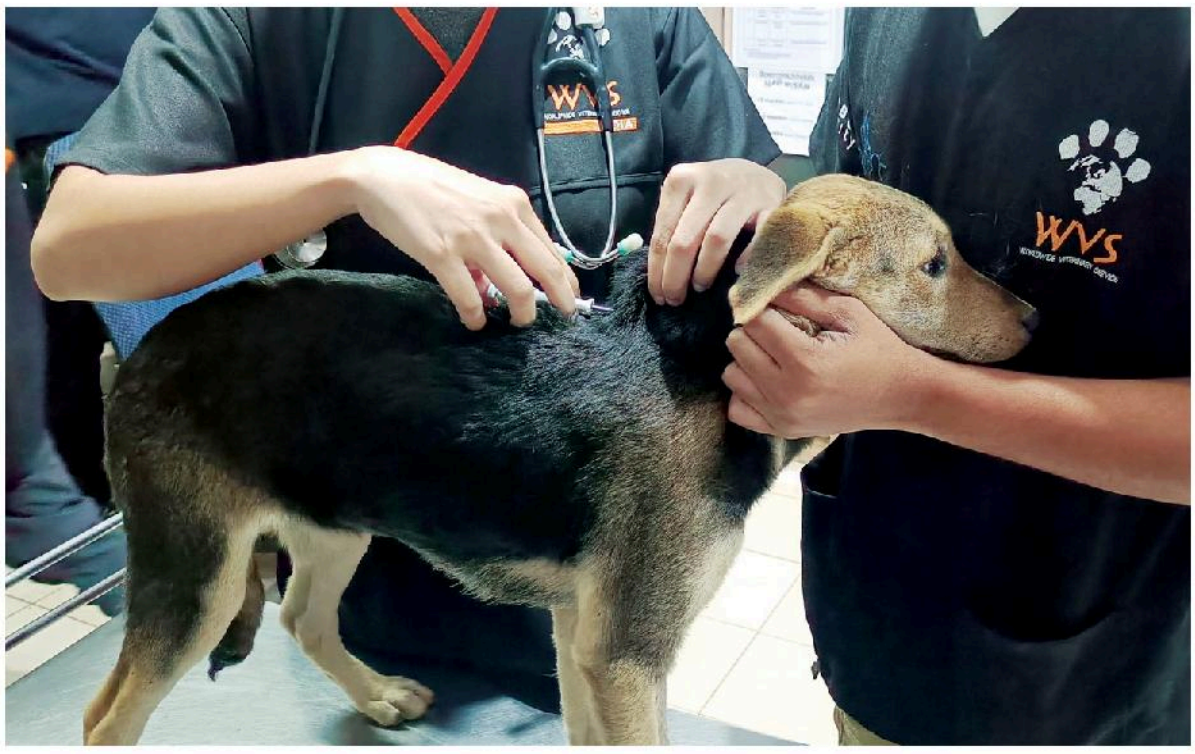
Micro-chipping your Pet Dog

By Dr. M. Sumanth Bedre



Dog is man's best friend — one that may have an urge to wander and explore and runs the risk of getting lost. Unfortunately, it is not too uncommon for dogs to lose their way back home and end up in shelters.

A staggering number of dogs are lost in shelters every year because there is a lack of reliable means for identification once they are found. If your pet is lost, you are far more likely to be reunited if they are micro-chipped as they can be scanned by a veterinarian and the owner details can be obtained from the database.

What is a micro-chip?

A micro-chip is a small, electronic chip enclosed in a glass cylinder that is about the same size as a grain of rice. Once the micro-chip is implanted under the skin, it will remain for the entirety of your dog's lifetime. The chip contains a unique 15-digit number for identification, similar to Aadhaar number for individuals.

When scanned, the chip transmits its identification number using passive RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology on to the scanner, which displays the number on a screen.

The International Standards Organisation (ISO) has approved and recommended a global standard for micro-chips. The global standard ensures a consistent identification system worldwide. The ISO standard frequency is 134.2 kHz. **Also, contrary to popular belief, the micro-chip is not a GPS device and cannot track your animal if it gets lost. The chip is RFID which enables it to be read by a micro-chip scanner, but only once your pet has been found.**

Two-step procedure

It is a two step process wherein the chip is implanted and then the unique identification number is registered along with all the relevant details about the owner and the pet.

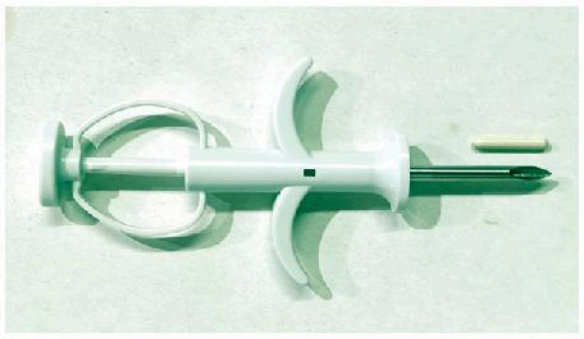
Micro-chip comes pre-loaded in a sterile inject applicator. The chip is injected subcutaneously (just under the skin) between the shoulder blades using a hypodermic needle at the back of your pet's neck by a registered veterinarian. It is no more painful than a typical injection, although the needle is slightly larger than those used for injection.

No surgery or anaesthesia is required and the micro-chip can be implanted during any regular vet check-ups. Make sure to read the chip right after injection using a micro-chip scanner. **Also, ask your veterinarian to scan your pet's micro-chip at least once every year to make sure it is still detected.**

Having a micro-chip placed is only the first step, and the micro-chip must be registered in a central database and keep your registration information in the database up-to-date.

Why micro-chip your pets?

Unique Identity: The micro-chip acts as the unique identification of your pet. The chip stores only a 15-digit unique number. This number is mentioned on all the records for the pet. Most pets wear collar tags imprinted with their name and the phone number of their owner, but only a micro-chip provides permanent ID that cannot fall off or be removed.



Find lost pets: If your pet is lost, you are far more likely to be reunited if they are micro-chipped as they can be scanned at nearest vets and the owner details can be obtained from the database. **A study of more than 7,700 stray animals at animal shelters showed that dogs without micro-chips were returned to their owners 21.9 percent of the time, whereas micro-chipped dogs were returned to their owners 52.2 percent of the time.**

Travel: Micro-chipping is mandatory for international travel and recommended for travel within India. All pet documents must have a micro-chip number.

Pet insurance: Micro-chip is mandatory for buying pet insurance.

Pet registration: Every dog registered with KCI (Kennel Club of India) must compulsorily be micro-chipped.

As per Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Pet Shop) Rules, 2018 and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing Rules), 2017, no puppy can be sold by a breeder without a micro-chip. Also, micro-chipping can be one of the most effective ways to solve the cases of theft, abandonment and illegal pet trafficking.

Conclusion

A micro-chip is non-bio reactive and hence, biologically safe for the pet. It is a one-time investment with several benefits for the pets and no side effects. The concept of micro-chipping for pet safety is not new, but pet owners in India are slowly becoming aware of it and the micro-chipping of pet dogs will be made compulsory in the days to come.

About the author

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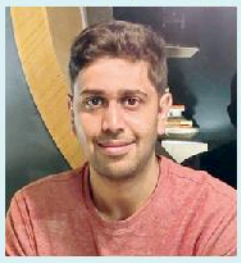

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Know Your Constituency

Periyapatna: Difficult guessing game this Assembly election

By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, Apr. 11- Periyapatna is known for its excellent-grade tobacco leaves and is popular for its cultivation. In terms of elections, the Periyapatna Assembly Constituency always attracts attention due to the head-to-head contests between candidates from Congress and Janata Parivar. As the voting day for the upcoming elections draws closer, curiosity and excitement are on the rise.

Periyapatna Constituency has been in existence since India's first general elections in 1952. Congress has been the dominant party in most of the elections, with Janata Parivar (Janata Party, Janata Dal, and JD-S) emerging as a strong contender in recent years. Although BJP succeeded in opening its account in one election, Congress and Janata Parivar candidates have generally emerged victorious in most of the contests.

Out of 15 elections held in Periyapatna Constituency, Congress has emerged victorious highest number of times, winning seven elections. This is followed by JD(S) winning three times, Janata Party and independents winning twice each and BJP winning only once.

The first-ever elections held in 1952 saw independent candidate S.M. Mariyappa defeat Congress nominee H.M. Channabasappa. In the subsequent elections of 1957 and 1962, Congress candidates N.R. Somanna and K.M. Devaiah emerged victorious.

Channabasappa, who had suffered a defeat as a Congress candidate in the first general elections, quit the party and contested as an independent in the 1967 elections. He was successful in winning a seat in the Assembly for the first time. In the 1972 elections, Channabasappa returned to the Congress fold and sought re-election, and he was successful in retaining the seat.

In the 1978 elections, K.S. Kalamarigowda, the Janata Party candidate, was elected to the Legislative Assembly, which is considered the lower house of the State Legislature. He was successful in retaining his seat in the next elections held in 1983, but this time, he contested on a Congress ticket.

In the 1985 elections, Congress, however, fielded L. Anand, who suffered a defeat against K. Venkatesh of the Janata Party, who won his maiden electoral victory. Former MLA K.S. Kalamarigowda made a comeback in 1989 as a Congress candidate and emerged victorious. Similarly, in the next elections held in 1994, K. Venkatesh wrested the seat from Congress, but this time as a Janata Dal candidate.

It was only in 1999 that BJP succeeded in opening its account in Periyapatna Constituency, with H.C. Basavaraju, son of late former MLA H.M. Channabasappa, emerging as the winner amid tough competition from Congress and Janata Dal candidates. However, in the subsequent elections, K. Venkatesh's winning streak continued as he registered a hat-trick win in the 2004 (JD-S), 2008 and 2013 (Congress) elections.

However, luck eluded K. Venkatesh in repeating his winning feat in the 2018 elections as he lost to his traditional rival K. Mahadev of JD(S), who had failed twice in the 2008 and 2013 elections.

It is not easy to guess what is in store this time, and the only option is to wait and watch.

Periyapatna Constituency, which stands distinctly apart for recording the highest voter turnout in the Mysuru district, witnessed 85.80 percent voting in the 2018 elections. Among the total of 1,80,411 voters, 1,54,800 exercised their franchise.

JD(S) candidate K. Mahadev polled 77,770 votes and his nearest rival K. Venkatesh of Congress got 70,277 votes. The victory margin was 7,493 votes, and BJP's S. Manjunath secured only 4,047 votes.

MLAs from 1952 to 2018

Year	MLA	Party
1952	S.M. Mariyappa	Independent
1957	N.R. Somanna	Congress
1962	K.M. Devaiah	Congress
1967	H.M. Channabasappa	Independent
1972	H.M. Channabasappa	Congress
1978	K.S. Kalamarigowda	Janata Party
1983	K.S. Kalamarigowda	Congress
1985	K. Venkatesh	Janata Party
1989	K.S. Kalamarigowda	Congress
1994	K. Venkatesh	Janata Dal
1999	H.C. Basavaraju	BJP
2004	K. Venkatesh	JD(S)
2008	K. Venkatesh	Congress
2013	K. Venkatesh	Congress
2018	K. Mahadev	JD(S)

VOTER DATA

Male	:	96,930
Female	:	96,236
Others	:	7
Total	:	1,93,173
Specially-abled	:	3,257
Above 80 years	:	5,266

ASPIRANTS

Congress	-	K. Venkatesh
JD(S)	-	K. Mahadev (Candidature announced)
BJP	-	C.H. Vijayashankar and Koulanahalli Somashekar

Intensify inspection at check-posts: DC

DC Dr. K. V. Rajendra chairing a meeting with officials at his office in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr.11 (BS)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K. V. Rajendra has instructed the Officers to intensify inspection at the check-posts opened to check election related irregularities if any, ahead of the Legislative Assembly elections on May 10 in the State.

Addressing the meeting of officers deputed on election duty, at his office yesterday, Deputy Commissioner Rajendra said 'Compulsorily every vehicle should be inspected, without deciding on your own. In case of any suspicion, the vehicle should be thoroughly inspected. Ensure that CCTV cameras and back up are in condition at all the check-posts. While the required cameras should be provided by the local administration.'

The Officers of Election Commission are expected to visit the city in a day or two. Hence, all Officers should work with agility and as a team without giving room for any confusion. Already several articles like watch and cooker have been sold in large numbers. Hence, the Officers should keep an eye on godowns and digital transactions made using the same cellphone number through Google Pay, Phonepe and Paytm, the DC added.

City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, ZP CEO K. M. Gayathri, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy and others attended the meeting.

Court reserves verdict on MLA

Madal Virupakshappa's bail plea

Bengaluru, Apr.11- The Special Court for prevention of Corruption Act cases here on Monday rejected the bail plea of KAS Officer Prashant Madal, son of Channagiri BJP MLA Virupakshappa Madal, who has been arrested with his father in an alleged graft case over award of contracts of KSDL (Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited) of which Madal Virupakshappa was the Chairman. The Court also reserved its order on Virupakshappa's bail petition to Apr.15.

After their arrest in the case, both Virupakshappa and his son Prashant are in Judicial custody at Central Prison, Bengaluru. Prashant was trapped by the Lokayukta Police with an alleged bribe money of Rs.40 lakh in his father's Crescent road residence, Bengaluru and arrested on Mar. 2. The trap was laid on the basis of a complaint. The Lokayukta Police in a raid later, had seized Rs.6 crore cash from the residence of the MLA.

Virupakshappa

Virupakshappa's Counsel contended that the house where Lokayukta cops had on the night of Mar.2 seized Rs.6 crore cash was not in his name and hence, the sitting MLA should not be held accountable for it. Opposing the bail, Public Prosecutor Santosh Nagarle argued that the room, from where the Rs.6 crore cash was seized, was used by Virupakshappa himself. The Judge upon hearing arguments and counter-arguments, reserved the verdict on Virupakshappa's bail plea to Apr.15.

WORD OF THE DAY

Equivocal

Pronunciation: ih-KWIV-uh-kul.
Meaning: Having two or more possible meanings or "difficult to understand or explain." It can also mean "uncertain."
Origin: If you're unsure about how to use equivocal properly, it may help to first remember its antonym, unequivocal, which is without a doubt the more common word of the two. As unequivocal means "leaving no doubt" or "unquestionable," it stands to reason that equivocal applies to language that is open to multiple, often differing interpretations. Equivocal can also have a sinister slant: equivocal language is usually used to mislead or confuse, its vagueness allowing the speaker to avoid committing to a firm position or opinion, and to later disavow anything listeners found objectionable if need be. To use a related verb, politicians are often accused of equivocating when, for example, they respond to yes-or-no questions with rambling, unrelated anecdotes.

THE ODD WORD

Ecphonesis

Rhetorical exclamation.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

As easy as pie

Meaning: Very easy.
Origin: There are many similes in English that have the form 'as X as Y'. These almost always highlight some property - X, and give an example of something that is well known to display that property - Y; for example, 'as white as snow', 'as dead as a dodo' and, risking a group slander action from our noble friends, 'as drunk as a lord'. How though are pies thought to be easy? They aren't especially easy to make; We know, we've tried it. The easiness comes with the eating - at least, that was the view in 19th century America, where this phrase was coined. There are various mid 19th century US citations that, whilst not using 'as easy as pie' verbatim, do point to 'pie' being used to denote pleasantry and ease. 'Pie' in this sense is archetypically American, as American as apple pie in fact. The usage first comes in the phrase 'as nice as pie', as found here in Which: Right or Left? in 1855: "For nearly a week afterwards, the domestics observed significantly to each other, that Miss Isabella was as 'nice as pie!'"

QUOTE BOX

Hope is a real thing. It's not pie in the sky. **—Dana Reeve**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Stand trial.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Small amounts
5 ____ many : what number?
8 Shoe string
12 Lather
13 Foreman foe
14 A small island
15 Famous circumnavigator
17 At hand
18 Santa's helper
19 Electric generator
21 1995 Stallone title role, Judge ___
24 Thefriendlypiratein'PeterPan'
25 Increases the number of rotations per minute
26 They decorate or produce art
30 ___ and all : everybody, noneexcluded?
31 Informs or narrates
32 To court
33 Private
35 Head of a cathedral or collegiate church chapter
36 Gist or essence
37 Bear a load
38 African republic
41 Sore and painful
42 Male admirer
43 Virtue, excellence or kindness
48 Single section or item
49 Lord Of The Rings baddie
50 Fencing sword
51 Afternoon refreshers?
52 Video game mfr.
53 Make a sketch

DOWN
1 Mil. award
2 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
3 Container often made of paper
4 Accelerates or goes faster
5 Fifty per cent?
6 Uber competitor
7 Don Quixote's famous target?
8 A small old world finch
9 Aboard ship
10 Edible shell-fish
11 Architect Saarinen
16 Doctor of Laws, degree
20 Hankers after
21 To let fall
22 Titular king of Naples (1409-80)
23 At all times
24 Liverpool and Egypt's Mohamed ___
26 Five-sided figure
27 Jug
28 Bellow like a lion?
29 TV Channel
31 Hard work
34 Streams or pours
35 ___ on : began to be understood by?
37 Bounder
38 Conjoin
39 Madhuri ___, nee Dixit
40 Greek goddess of the earth
41 Fabled birds
44 Raw metal
45 Engine Pressure Ratio
46 Arabian for one, South China for another?
47 Attach by stitches

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	A	M	■	O	W	L	S	■	P	S	S	T
U	K	E	■	R	I	O	S	■	A	M	I	E
B	A	C	H	E	L	O	R	■	T	U	N	A
■	■	H	O	O	T	S	■	A	N	G	E	L
A	B	A	T	■	S	E	P	I	A	■	■	■
L	A	N	E	S	■	N	O	D	■	T	S	O
S	H	I	L	O	H	■	D	E	P	I	C	T
O	T	C	■	F	E	N	■	S	A	R	A	H
■	■	■	T	A	X	E	D	■	R	E	N	O
V	I	R	U	S	■	G	R	O	S	S	■	■
I	D	O	L	■	T	A	E	N	I	O	I	D
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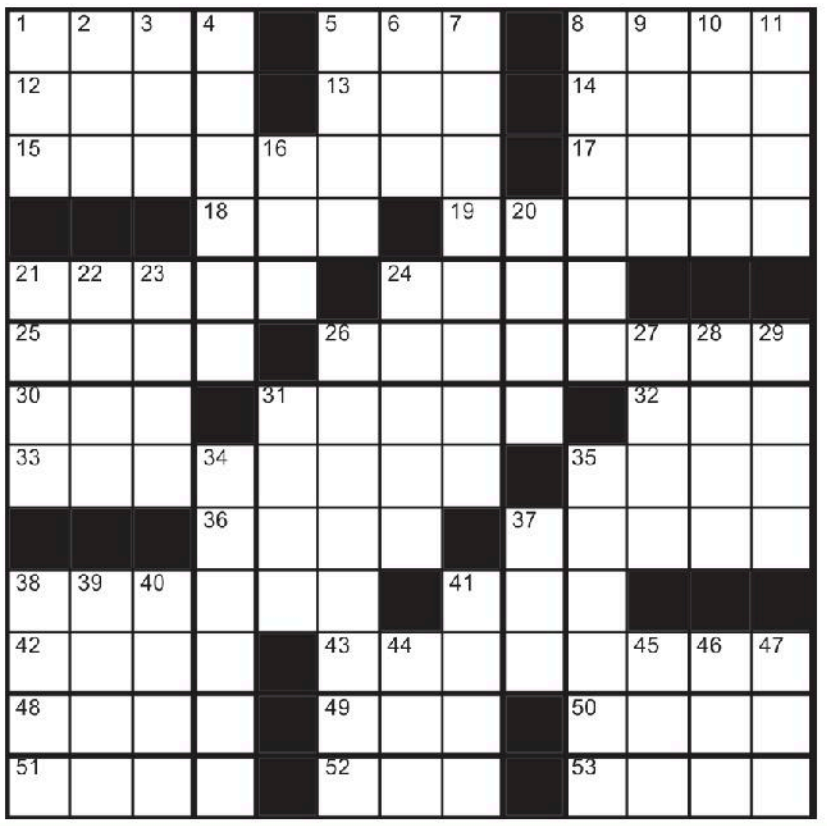

SUDOKU

3			6		4			1
8								7
		7	2		8	9		
	5	8				6	2	
	1	3				4	9	
		4	9		1	8		
9								2
6			4		7			9

Answer to previous puzzle

6	1	8	3	7	4	2	9	5
5	3	4	8	9	2	7	1	6
9	7	2	1	5	6	8	3	4
2	5	6	9	1	3	4	8	7
7	8	9	4	6	5	3	2	1
1	4	3	7	2	8	6	5	9
8	2	7	5	4	1	9	6	3
4	6	5	2	3	9	1	7	8
3	9	1	6	8	7	5	4	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NWERARPRNB RIEOBBRJOIPO RG IC ZNEPX

ACW INEKWNB GEKHRSREM.

TODAY'S: I EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: As scarce as truth is, the supply has always been in excess of the demand.

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- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  August 16 1947 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Ravanasura (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Gurudev Hoysala (K) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Veeram (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Ravanasura (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
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- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** — Ph: 2520009
  Day and Someone (Te) - 4 Shows

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Praveena (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
	(S-4)	10.50 am, 7.40 pm, 10.15 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-1)	3.45 pm
Ravanasura (Te)	(S-1)	6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Super Mario Bros Movie (E)	(S-2)	11 am, 1.05 pm, 3.10 pm
The Pope's Exorcist (E)	(S-2)	5.10 pm, 7.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Ramachari 2.0 (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
August 16 1947 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Pentagon (K)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Gumraah (H)	(S-3)	7.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Veeram (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.35 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Veeram (K)	:	10.20 am, 1.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.30 am, 4.00 pm, 6.40 pm
Praveena (K)	:	10.30 am
Ravanasura (Te)	:	10.45 am, 4.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Pentagon (K)	:	1.05 pm, 4.30 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 9.15 pm
Ramachari 2.0 (K)	:	4.00 pm
August 16, 1947 (Ta)	:	6.30 pm
Laika (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

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Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Dasara (Te)	:	9.35 am, 4.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.15 am, 4.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Praveena (K)	:	11.00 am
Super Mario Bros. Movie (E-3D)	:	11.05 am, 1.20 pm, 3.35 pm 5.50 pm, 8.05 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	:	12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Meter (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 6.40 pm
Ravanasura (Te)	:	1.05 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.15 pm
The Pope's Exorcist (E)	:	1.50 pm, 7.35 pm
Ramachari 2.0 (K)	:	3.45 pm
Veeram (K)	:	4.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	7.10 pm
Nam Naani Maduve Prasanga (K)	:	7.20 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Praveena (K)	:	10.00 am
Super Mario Bros. Movie (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 12.30 pm, 2.45 pm 5.00 pm, 7.15 pm
The Pope's Exorcist (E)	:	10.40 am, 9.30 pm
Veeram (K)	:	11.00 am, 5.55 pm
Ravanasura (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 3.55 pm 7.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	1.05 pm, 7.00 pm, 10:00 pm
Pentagon (K)	:	2.20 pm
Dasara (Te)	:	3.55 pm, 9.50 pm

City cyclists win medals

The medallists are seen with Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Mysuru, Assistant Director K. Suresh, Mysuru District Cycling Association President Arun Patil, Secretary N. Lokesh (International cyclist & Eklavya Awardee in Cycling), cycling coach Fariyal Jamadar and Incharge Superintendent S. Kavya.

Mysuru, Apr. 11- Mysuru District Cycling Association cyclists secured National Champion title in the National-level Cycling Championship held at Panchkula in Haryana between Mar. 28 and 30. Medal-winners are:

U-16 Girls: H.N. Nagasiri - 1 gold medal; **U-18 Boys:** Charith Gowda - 3 gold; H.R. Lakshmish - 1 gold and 1 silver; **Men's Category:** K.V. Vyshakh - 1 silver and 1 bronze. Ashish, Samarpan Jain and Ruchir also represented Karnataka from Mysuru.

Karnataka State Cyclists were awarded 'Overall Championship Runners-up' with Mysuru cyclists contributing almost 75 percent of Karnataka State points.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 11)

- **Sri Sharada Pratishtana Trust, Mysuru:** Ramanavami, devaranama by Vidu. Latha Shekar, accompanied by Vid. S Vidyadhara on violin and Vidu. Eshwari on mridanga, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. Kanchanashree, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar 16th Cross, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.** [Mob: 98458-87237]
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** Hanumanthotsava, procession in Raja Beedi, Nadaswara Vidwan Parthasarathy and team, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarathi and Prasada Viniyoga, Alamma's Choultry, near Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 12)

- **The Literary Criterion Centre, Dhvanyaloka, Mysuru:** Conferring of Prof. CDN Memorial Award Ceremony 2023 on Dr. RVS Sundaram (renowned scholar and folklorist); Memorial lecture on 'Difficulties and challenges of translating Classical Kannada Texts' by Dr. RVS Sundaram, Dhvanyaloka, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** Shayanotsava, Devaranama by Vidu. Pooja Sugam and team, Alamma's Choultry, near Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-1)	1.35 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 10.30 pm
Veeram (K)	(S-2)	2.00 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-3)	3.10 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	(S-2)	10.35 am; (S-3) 6.25 pm
Super Mario Bros. Movie (E-3D)	(S-4)	1 pm, 6.10 pm, 8.20 pm
Ravanasura (Te)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 4.20 pm, 10 pm
Gumraah (H)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	5.15 pm
The Popes Exorcist (E)	(S-2)	8 pm; (S-3) 12.50 pm
August 16, 1947 (Ta)	(S-4)	3.10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob. : 9606976757

Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-1)	10.20 am; (S-4) 1.45 pm
	(S-3)	4.20 pm, 9.50 pm
The Popes Exorcist (E)	(S-2)	10.25 am
	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-2)	10.00 pm
Veeram (K)	(S-3)	10.10 am
	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 7.15 pm
Ravanasura (Te)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
	(S-1)	4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Super Mario bros. Movie (E-3D)	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 5.40 pm, 7.50 pm
Ramachari 2.0 (K)	(S-2)	2.55 pm
Pentagon (K)	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Nam Naani Maduve Prasanga (K)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Praveena (K)	(S-4)	11.10 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

IPL 2023

TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 11)

DC Vs MI — 7.30 pm
Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium, Delhi

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 12)

CSK Vs RR — 7.30 pm
M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai

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